



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**28<sup>th</sup> TRANSPORTATION BATTALION**  
**CMR 418**  
**APO AE 09058**

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Retention Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2005

1. Attached to this memorandum are the Retention accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2005.
2. Commanders, this past year has been an eye-opening experience. The Global War on Terrorism has placed greater demands on all of our units, commanders, Soldiers, and their families. We recruited Soldiers, but are charged with retaining families who feel the effects of a changing environment first hand. Through it all, 28<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion continues to meet its assigned retention mission! I expect Commanders and leaders to invest proper time and attention to ensure our Soldiers are given the opportunity and information needed to think through their road ahead. We must enable and empower them to make informed decisions regarding their future service and sacrifice to our Army and Nation. The future of our Nation's Armed Forces depends on our continued success in achieving our assigned missions. Leaders across the Army are placing great emphasis on the Army Retention Program, as am I. Achieving our retention objectives is an investment in experience, and can be maintained by taking care of Soldiers and creating an environment where Soldiers can learn, thrive, and grow. I understand that the task at hand can be arduous but I have confidence that we will succeed. I would like to congratulate those commanders who have continuously exceeded their assigned mission, no matter which category. Let's send a message to our Soldiers that we care. Retention is a combat multiplier!
3. As we are moving into the new Fiscal Year, I want to reiterate the importance of communication. Utilize your reenlistment NCOs and ensure they are keeping up with deadlines and correspondence. Our Army is at war and retention policies are changing rapidly. What was current yesterday is outdated today. I urge you to stay in contact with our Career Counselor whether your unit is deployed or not. This will ensure that our Soldiers are given the superior service they deserve. Visit the retention link at our battalion website [www.28trans.eur.army.mil](http://www.28trans.eur.army.mil) for current information and updates on retention.
4. Questions or concerns pertaining to this mission letter should be directed to the 28th Transportation Battalion Retention Office (FWD). Point of contact is SSG Tittle at 318-430-7192.
5. "EN TEMPS".

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